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SECRET PLEA FOR PEACE

Germany Said to Have Made Formal Effort in This Direction Through Spain Last August.

Petrograd, Dec. 6.—Germany made a formal effort to obtain peace last August through Spain according to revelations in the latest chapter of "secret diplomatic archives" made public today by Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotsky.

The evidence consisted of a telegram from M. Nabokoff, naval charge d'affaires at London, to provisional Foreign Minister Terestchenko, dated in August, 1917, and notifying Russia that British Foreign Minister Balfour had called a special meeting of ambassadors of France, Italy, the United States and Japan. To this assembly he said he had received information from Madrid that "a high personage in Berlin had informed the Spanish ambassador that Germany wished to negotiate."

Balfour said, according to Nabokoff's message, Britain was ready to receive any German communication regarding peace and to consider it in conjunction with the allies.

Whether there was any reply from Germany to this non-committal statement was not indicated in today's revelations.

A number of newspapers under special permission from Trotsky, have been publishing secret state papers covering all the period of the war. Trotsky made them public on the ground that the Bolshevik plan was to give the people all information of diplomatic dealings.

DOING ONE'S BIT.

One Way in Which All May Assist in a Most Worthy Cause.

Red Cross Christmas Seals are sold to fight tuberculosis. They have a uniform price of one cent each. Since 1908, when the American Red Cross first issued seals, the number of its workers selling seals and the number of purchasers has multiplied each year, until last year a record sale of 104,000,000 seals was reached, or over \$1,000,000 for tuberculosis work.

For this Fall alone an issue of over 400,000,000 seals has been printed, as many as were sold in the nine previous years. During those years the public was but gradually coming to realize the value of the campaign against tuberculosis. With the entrance of the United States into the war, reports have come from Europe showing tuberculosis to be a serious obstacle to victory. In France 150,000 soldiers have been invalided back from the trenches with tuberculosis and the number of cases among the civilian population has increased immensely with the war. Tuberculosis has likewise fallen heavily on the other nations at war.

In time of peace "chief among the causes of poverty" and "the disease that kills most," tuberculosis in time of war is doubly dangerous. The anti-tuberculosis association in all the states now need increased funds for work both among soldiers and prospective recruits, teaching them how to avoid tuberculosis, and among those who remain in the factories, fields, mines, schools and homes.

The control of tuberculosis is one of the most important ways to conserve the strength of the nation in the supreme test of this war. Every one who is allowed to sell Red Cross Christmas Seals is given an opportunity to "do his bit" in a way that counts. It is a patriotic service.

Fifty per cent of the receipts from the sale of these Red Cross Christmas seals goes to the Alexandria branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society for its work against tuberculosis here in Alexandria, and forty per cent to the state work, the Red Cross receiving only enough to cover cost of printing and distributing the seals.

The seals are now on sale in most of the Alexandria stores.

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"THE ELKS' WAR CREED"

Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Delivers an Address Before Rochester N. Y., Lodge Sunday Night.

Among the speakers at the memorial services of Rochester N. Y., Lodge of Elks last Sunday night, was Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Del.

"This is the first time," Mr. Barrett said, "that the Order of Elks has conducted its memorial services when our nation was at war. It is a sad thought, for some of us, perhaps, as we look at the names on the memorial tablets in our halls, that before next year the names of hundreds—aye, thousands of loyal Elks who will have met death on the battlefields of Europe, may be added to this list. To me death for one's country has no sad thought."

"There is no doubt we are confronting one of the most serious epochs of our country's history. The pick and the flower of our manhood is training in camps, preparing for war. We look upon this war as a struggle between light and darkness; a contest between a beneficent future and a sinister past. From the press, the pulpit and the forum, America is talking to the situation with prophetic strength. We seek no more territory and we do not seek military glory. Our soldiers are marching out to save democracy and free government to the world, and when the struggle is over will return to their homes and to the pursuits of peace."

"Our boys are stepping into a higher manhood and are marching but to give the freedom such as we know to all mankind. Can you forget what Lafayette meant to us when, as a nation, we were almost at the point of death? France has always stood for democracy and free government in Europe. In this great crisis of our country's history, isn't it wonderful that we have such an order as the Elks, to teach the lessons of patriotism? Do you realize that under the purple flag of Elksdom thousands of men are enrolled in freedom's cause? Do you know that the flag of America is given first place on our altar?"

"We as Elks are pledged to the support of the American nation, and it is up to us to decide how we can best do our part to carry out our pledge. The Elks' war creed, to my mind, is divided into four parts. The first thing is, I'll give my life to my country—I'll enlist under its flag and go wherever it calls me and do whatever it tells me; second, I'll give my mind to my country's service; third, I'll give my soul to my country; and fourth, I'll give my money to my country's service."

Mr. Barrett stated that the Elks have appropriated \$1,000,000 to back up the country in the war besides expending many thousands of dollars for base hospitals, and through individual members, subscribing \$75,000,000 for Liberty Loan bonds. "America cannot fail," he said in conclusion. "We have entered a just war, and our sword shall not be sheathed until that purpose for which we entered it has been accomplished. As long as that is the spirit that prevails, America will not fail to fulfill its destiny among the nations of the world."

THOUGHT HIM STUPID BOY.

Telegrapher and Map Maker.

Carried Important Papers.

New York, Dec. 6.—Although he was a German subject Eric Hoecker a butcher boy possessed an air of such profound stupidity that he was permitted to call daily at Fort Totten in his rounds. Yesterday he was interned on Ellis Island after army intelligence officers discovered that he had important papers among his effects and that he was an expert telegrapher and map maker.

Munitions Plant Wiped Out.

Newcastle, Dec. 6.—Fire of undetermined origin today practically destroyed the plant of the Wilmington Fiber Specialties Company. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. Munitions plants adjoining escaped damage.

Notice.

The oyster supper which the Auxiliary to the B. L. of E. were to have at Lee Camp Hall, Thursday night, December 6, is postponed. All having tickets apply to the persons from whom they bought and receive their money for same.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The regular monthly meeting of the city school board will be held tonight.

Mr. Julian Preston Ballenger of this city, who enlisted in the aviation section of the United States Signal corps, and was assigned to duty in Columbus, Ohio, left on Tuesday for that city.

The Cameron Club will hold the first of a series of talks on patriotic subjects this evening, the subject being "Full Conservation." The meeting tonight will be held at the home of Mrs. John M. Johnson, 614 Prince street, at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all interested. A silver offering will be taken at the door for the benefit of the school nurse.

On account of the scarcity of coal on and after Sunday next the fires will go out at the Young People's Building. The building however, will be left open for the accommodation of the visiting soldiers. Ever since early summer, under the auspices of the Wesley Bible Class of the M. E. Church South, this building has been open to all, with music, games and reading matter of all kinds furnished the soldiers.

Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Mr. Albert N. Dewey and Mrs. Lula J. Rider, both of Washington, which occurred at Grace church rectory in this city on Sunday, Nov. 18, 1917, the Rev. Edgar Carpenter officiating. The ceremony took place at noon and was witnessed by Miss Nellie Beers, Miss Edna Pemberton, and Messrs. Bert and A. Foy, Creighton E. Marshall and Claude W. Jollie. The couple will continue to reside in Washington where the groom is employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Pupils of St. Mary's Academy made the highest average during November were: Misses Dorothy Knight, Virginia Warren, Lucy Triplett, Delphine Acerbonie, Vivian Webster, Edna McCauley, Netie Chauncey, Agnes Jenkins, Helen Murphy, Alene Dyson, Theresa Boyd, Virginia Nugent, Dorothy Harrington, Anna Mess, M. Nugent, F. Shuman, C. Griffith and Masters E. Gotman, Leo Ewald and Herbert Nugent. Readers of the class paper "Academics" were Misses E. Hubbard, I. Crilly, L. Triplett, O. Robitaille and D. Nugent.

GIVEN 90 DAYS.

Deliveryman Who Run Down Woman Gets Heavy Sentence.

"I intend punishing reckless drivers as severely as the law permits," said Judge Pugh of Washington, yesterday morning when he sentenced John F. Minor, colored driver of a light market delivery wagon, to 90 days in jail and fined him \$10.

"The streets must be made safe for pedestrians," continued the court, "and if I have the privilege of hearing cases of persons found guilty of such offense, they will get no mercy from me."

Minor was found guilty of assault by negligence. He ran into and over Edith Brown, on Pennsylvania avenue northwest, October 27, last as she was waiting for a car.

The woman was severely injured and has been in a hospital ever since, in such a condition as to be unable to testify against him. Due to his previous good record and his being an elderly man, Minor did not receive a heavier sentence such as will be meted out to a younger offender, it was declared.

Annual Meeting.

The regular Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting, will be held at the principal offices of the Company, in Alexandria, Virginia, (being the offices of James H. and Harry B. Canton, Attorneys) at three (3) o'clock P. M., on the 11th day of December, 1917.

Emory H. Bogley, Secretary.

Entertainment Friday Night.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given at the Westminster Building on Friday night, December 7, 1917, at 8 o'clock. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the evening of the entertainment. 290-St.

Mr. George Woodfield, has returned to his home in Philadelphia, after a visit to relatives in the city.

George W. Keys of this city, formerly connected with the Alexandria National Bank, has accepted a position with the Washington National Bank, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Henry Hartung of Honesdale, Pa., has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Julian Knight. Mr. Hartung is 80 years old but enjoyed the trip here and his stay in Alexandria very much, finding much in the way of his home interest to him in the old city. His son Frederick of New York was also a guest here during the week.

Mrs. Ida A. Zimmerman announces the marriage of her granddaughter, Mabel E. Noonan to Mr. Walter S. Angel Wednesday afternoon, December 5th, at 3 o'clock at the parsonage of the Second Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. P. Lloyd. Miss Noonan was attended by Miss Mable Cronice of Washington, Mr. Lippe of Alexandria acting as best man. After an extended Southern trip Mr. and Mrs. Angel will be at home to their friends after Jan. 1, on Duke street.

Mr. Frederick Orian Triplett, a well known resident of Fairfax county, died at his home on Seminary Hill, near this city, at 3 o'clock this morning. The funeral will be held at the residence on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock (December 8th). The deceased is survived by a wife and step-daughter, Mrs. T. F. Dodd, four sisters, Mrs. G. W. Triplett, Mrs. J. L. Monroe, Miss Florence Triplett, Miss Edith Triplett, and one brother, Mr. Ashby Triplett. His death occurred very unexpectedly as he was as well as ever, apparently, yesterday.

All arrangements have been completed for the Red Cross benefit dance to be held at the Elks' hall tomorrow evening, Dec. 7th, the official Benefit Day for the Canadian and American Red Cross. The young ladies who will assist are: Misses Katharine Waller, Collins Jones, Julia Hopkins, Clarence Snowden, Mary Snowden, Ruth Le Hew, Margaret Howard, Pearl Schwarzmann, Anne Lewis Jones, Blanche Stansbury, Ruth Roberts, Jean Roberts, Carson MacIntosh, Julia Nicol, Marion Negley, Ada Garrett, Margaret Dyke, Mamie Lindsay, Delia Phillips, Julia Duncan, and Hilda Schneider.

INCREASE IN CLERKS' PAY.

Question is Amount of Raise and Whether to Include War Appointments in General Plan.

Congress will grant an increase in salary to Government clerks.

Of this there is no doubt at the Capitol. There is some question, however, of just what percentage of increase will be determined on, and the class of employees to be affected. The least they may expect is a continuation of the scale now in effect—5 and 10 per cent. It may be more, but certainly not less.

Members of Congress, generally, assert there is reason to reduce the salaries allowed last July for one year. On the contrary, the same conditions prevail today—except in a greater degree—that existed when an increase of 5 and 10 per cent was authorized.

Women Near Camps Commit Bigamy.

Camp Mills, L. I., Dec. 6.—The increase in soldier weddings here was said by a Hempstead minister to be due to the fact that some women had been marrying several soldiers each and getting each new "husband" to make over half his pay to them.

This minister and other clergymen of Hempstead have announced that they will not marry women to soldiers in future until they investigate thoroughly how long the couple have been acquainted and the conditions which led them to the altar.

It is reported here that men in a division now abroad have left "wives" of this sort at Hempstead, some of whom, it is said, had themselves made beneficiaries under the soldiers' insurance policies.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

There were no cases for trial in the Police Court this morning.

Mrs. Martin E. Lynch, formerly of this city, but now residing in Charlottesville, is visiting her mother, Mr. H. I. Murphy, in North Royal street.

The regular Friday afternoon prayer meeting held at the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged will be held tomorrow by the Rev. Thomas Semmes who is now holding a mission at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Richard Lake, of North Fork, Va., and Dixie L. Lodge, of Philmont, Loudoun county. Miss Lodge has often visited relatives and friends in Alexandria, where she has many acquaintances.

Contributions for the Y. M. C. A. War work fund are acknowledged today as follows: Miss Harriett Spofford \$5.00; W. C. Spofford \$5.00; J. C. Shaw \$1.00; Mrs. R. C. Eaton \$1.00; Mrs. Isaac Gregg \$1.00; Clarence N. Moore \$5.00; Miss Ida Moore \$1.00; Misses Moore \$2.50.

Fire practically destroyed the grocery store owned by V. C. Donaldson, near Seminary Hill, west of this city, yesterday afternoon about half-past four o'clock. The fire is supposed to have originated among some matches, a large stock of which was in an upper room, and may have been caused by mice gnawing them. The property was only partially insured.

Last night in St. Paul's church the Rev. Thomas Semmes preached on the subject of "Missions—a Power of the Church." The pastor, Rev. P. P. Phillips, and Revs. Wm. J. Morton, of Christ church, and Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace church, were also in attendance and assisted in the service. The subject of the address tonight will be "Five steps up to God," which is said to be one of the most interesting and instructive of the series of sermons now given. Beginning tonight Rev. Semmes will answer from the pulpit the various questions upon religious matters, which have been asked him personally and by questions placed in the box at the door provided for this purpose, and which is open to the entire public at all times during his stay in Alexandria. Prayers also be offered for which requests have been made.

Threw Brick Through Window.

New York, Dec. 6.—Out of work and hungry, Michael Sweeney, thirty, of Cleveland, today threw a brick through a plate glass window here—his way of getting into the United States army or navy.

Sweeney told the police he wanted to get into the hospital so he could eat and gain strength enough to pass the physical examination for the army or navy.

Bride Takes Poison.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 6.—Imagining her husband would be angry with her because she had neglected to get dinner ready at the appointed hour, Mrs. Reta Coan swallowed strychnine during her despondency and was taken to the Receiving Hospital for treatment. A stomach pump was promptly put into use and the poison was withdrawn before it had taken its deadly effect.

President's Name Cheered.

London, Dec. 6.—Mention of President Wilson's name in the House of Commons today was vigorously cheered and applauded this afternoon.

Foreign Minister Balfour replying to a question from a member, said "he was unaware that President Wilson had in any wise retracted his suggestion for a league of nations."

It will be fish day tomorrow at the Sanitary Fish Market, Stall No. 2, city market, phone 735. Open until 5 p. m. Large yellow perch, steak pollock, medium yellow perch, rock fish, Jersey trout, lake trout and oysters.

Elks' Euchre.

Remember the Elks' euchre tonight at 8:30 and every Thursday night.

STEAMER IS BLOWN UP

One Thousand Persons Reported Killed in Rockingham, N. S. This Morning.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—An unconfirmed report from Halifax states that a munition ship blew up in the harbor of Rockingham this morning and that 1,000 persons were killed and the city is ablaze.

The explosion was heard in Halifax, according to reports from there. Rockingham is a few miles from Halifax.

New York, Dec. 6.—Telegraph and telephone wires into Halifax are down as a result of the explosion at Rockingham bay, the Western Union offices here declared today.

Reports received at that office said the front of the Western Union office in Halifax was blown in by the force of the explosion and that several employees there were injured.

Many buildings are reported blown to bits. The explosion was heard a hundred miles away.

Reports from the scene are meager. At the Western Union office in Halifax many of the operators were injured by the flying debris and the office was reported wrecked.

The city in the vicinity of Rockingham is said to be in flames and fire fighting apparatus from the surrounding points has been called in to assist fighting the fire.

CHARITY SWINDLER JAILED.

Year and Three Months in Sing Sing Penalty Imposed.

New York, Dec. 6.—Eugene Jess, the first man convicted as a result of District Attorney Swann's campaign against bogus war charities, was given yesterday the maximum sentence for his offense—not less than one year and three months in Sing Sing.

"I cannot conceive of a more despicable, a more cowardly crime than this one," said Judge Malone in passing sentence. "Such acts are moral treason and should be punished by death."

Jess was convicted of having collected money for a fake war charity concert to have been held at the Metropolitan Opera House.

SHOT HIS SWEETHEART.

Girl Said to Have Told Man She Did Not Love Him Any More.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Pauline Tererwich, 20 years old, No. 2557 East Ontario street, was shot in the head by her sweetheart as she sat at breakfast in an Ontario street house yesterday. The man, who did the shooting was caught in the yard as he tried to escape. He is Michael Zittkow, a boarder in the house. The couple quarreled on Tuesday night and the girl is said to have told Michael that she no longer loved him.

He entered the dining room of the boarding house yesterday morning and fired point blank at the girl. She was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where she is in a critical condition. The man was held to await the outcome of her injuries by the police of the Twenty-fourth district.

FED BABY POISON TABLETS.

Older Child Secured Possession of Bottle in Absence of Mother.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—When Mrs. Julia Meechiro, of No. 1823 South Hicks street, returned after answering the ring of the doorbell early last evening, she found her 2-year-old son Dominic, feeding poison tablets from a bottle to her other child, Sarah, aged 1 year. The baby, thinking the tablets candy had chewed up several when the pair were discovered by their mother.

Mrs. Meechiro immediately rushed with her child to St. Agnes' Hospital, where physicians said the poison had spread through the child's system, and it is not expected to recover.

Red Cross Benefit Dance.

Tickets for the dance to be held for the benefit of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross will be \$1.00 per couple. The dance will be held on the evening of Friday, December 7th, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home on Prince street, commencing at 8:30. The committee of arrangements is: Misses Ellen K. Douglas, Lucy E. Usher, Nellie K. Usher, and Messrs. Carroll Ashby, Richard Green and Lewis Porter.

WAR TO BE DECLARED

Representative Flood, of Virginia, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Introduces Measure.

Congress cleared the way yesterday for prompt response to President Wilson's call for a declaration of war with Austro-Hungary.

A joint resolution approved by the President and the State Department, declaring existence of war between the United States and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government from yesterday at noon was introduced in the House by Mr. Flood, of Virginia, and unanimously approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. It will be reported for beginning of House debate on Friday, with final action in the Senate late this week or early next week probable.

The following is the text of the resolution: Whereas, The Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government has severed diplomatic relations with the government of the United States and has committed acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America, among which are its adherence to the policy of ruthless submarine warfare adopted by its ally, the Imperial German government, with which the United States of America is at war, and by giving its ally active support and aid both on land and sea in the prosecution of the war against the government and people of the United States of America, therefore, be it,

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that a state of war be and is hereby declared to exist and to have existed since noon of the fifth day of December, 1917, between the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government; and that the President be and is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

HAS SHORTENED WAR.

Wilson Given Credit for Clear, Definite Statement of Allies' Aims.

While eagerly awaiting press and official comment from Europe on President Wilson's message, allied and neutral diplomats were exceptionally frank in their informal discussion of the effect of the message yesterday.

They were also extraordinarily unanimous in predicting these results:

1. The war will end only when the German armies are beaten in the field, probably on the west front.
2. This defeat will come not so much through allied superiority in arms as through the superior ability of the allied peoples to endure and to back up their armies in the field.
3. President Wilson has materially advanced the date of the war's conclusion by his words because they have heartened the allied peoples and will eventually show the Germans that their leaders have deceived them as to the true aims of Germany's enemies.

Characteristically unwilling to say that their governments will adhere to the principles laid down by President Wilson, diplomats here are yet so frank in their general approbation of the message that it seemed clear last night that President Wilson has once more taken his place in the limelight as the spokesman of the whole of civilization fighting Prussian militarism.

Notice.

The stated convocation of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14, will be held, Friday evening, December 7, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock. Come and encourage the new officers by your presence. Work—mark and past degrees.

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ALEXANDRIA'S STAR OF HOPE.

The publication of the Gazette yesterday of an article from the Wall Street Journal stating that the United States Steamship Company, which has contracted with the government to furnish fifty-four million dollars' worth of vessels, had purchased property in Alexandria upon which to construct some of these vessels, sent a thrill of delight through the entire community. While to the mass of our people this statement was as a brilliant and unexpected meteor hovering over the old city, it did not surprise a certain small minority who had known for weeks that something was going on which would enthuse every reader of the Gazette when the time should come to make known the result of certain negotiations which we knew were in progress. The Gazette, however, could make no statement until things had crystallized. But when we saw that one of the leading financial publications of the country, if not of the world, had printed the secret, we realized that the time had come to let our people know what was going on.

During the past summer it was known that the eyes of the commercial world had been turned to Alexandria and vicinity. Several months ago strangers were traversing New Alexandria and contiguous parts of Fairfax county opposite our city obtaining options upon property, and it is known that over five hundred acres of land have been secured with a view of establishing an aero factory, which primarily will be for the protection of Washington, but at which aeroplanes and other flying devices will be manufactured for private parties. It may not be generally known that the titles to every parcel of ground in New Alexandria has been examined at the courthouse at Fairfax. It may also be stated that the government during the past few weeks has spent one thousand dollars in surveys in that vicinity, and that soundings for foundations have been made in the reclaimed ground opposite what was formerly Battery Rodgers, and that the foundations have been declared satisfactory in every way.

Blue prints have been prepared by the Washington Southern Railway Company for a spur track from the main stem of that road at Franconia to the property secured in Fairfax county adjoining Alexandria.

The Gazette, which has participated in the joys and disappointments of Alexandria for over a century and a third, joins in the enthusiasm which these announcements have produced, and will earnestly do its part towards accelerating the tidal wave which seems coming this way.

"GHOST" IN LYNCHBURG.

As was stated in the Gazette several days ago, a "ghost" is terrorizing the negroes of Lynchburg, so much so that it is said but few have the temerity to appear on the streets after dark. The ghost is described as a great, tall, broad black man with an immense tail with an armored head. It has gotten to the point where housewives are suffering because negro women in service in many houses insist on going to their homes before nightfall, and this leaves not a few homes to complete supper arrangements, for the cook is missing when darkness begins to settle down.

The ghost is alleged to have gone into one negro home without the necessity of opening a locked door. The family fled from the supper table, and when the ghost had disposed of the meal, it, too, disappeared. Another time, according to popular belief among the blacks, the ghost was apprehended by the police and placed in the patrol wagon under lock and key, but when the police opened the door to remove the ghost it was gone. Another negro shot at the ghost, and although he saw the bullet go through

its body, it did not prevent the ghost from disappearing.

The above brings to mind a brief reign of terror which existed in Alexandria shortly after the close of the civil war, or about the time pictures of members of the Ku Klux Klan in their weird attire were being circulated among negroes. Most of the latter who had flocked to the city were firm believers in conjuration, voodooism, etc., and a report was circulated that Alexandria was infested with "night doctors." These fiends, it was alleged, carried plasters at night which they suddenly fixed to the mouths of negroes. A composition upon the plasters, it was believed, caused the subjects to swoon, after which they were placed upon dissecting boards in certain places. The report caused considerable alarm upon the darkeys and kept the mass of them within doors after dark. Some white people also believed the silly story.

MUST DEFEAT GERMANY.

The weakness in the Pan-German scheme, even if it can maintain itself against enemies on the outside, is naturally to be found in the numbers and the capacity for resistance of the subject peoples. German domination is already detested throughout Southeastern Europe, and explosive possibilities in Austria-Hungary and the Balkans have long been famous. All these elements can assuredly be counted upon to assert themselves at the opportune moment, and to form an effective barrier to future German ambition if they are given a chance in the reconstruction of Europe. But the probability of revolt is directly proportioned to the probability of success. Everything desired may follow upon the simple indispensable condition of the military defeat of Germany. Without that, it is absurd to doubt her ability to dominate the territory she occupies. As a contemporary well says, that defeat may be considered achieved when the German armies are driven back to their own frontier. Until that moment, the very suggestion of peace is an affront. Germany would be very happy to go to the peace table, war-map in hand, to be bought out of France and Belgium. It is hard to be patient with those who, with astounding ignorance of European affairs and inability to understand German methods, persist in the belief that there is a German liberalism ready to renounce the fruits of conquest and to remake Germany in democratic terms. One way, and one only is open, and that is to break Germany's military power.

IN FAVOR OF MR. CARLIN.

The Loudoun Times, published yesterday, has the following to say concerning the candidacy of Hon. Charles C. Carlin of this city in the coming congressional campaign:

As no local aspirants for Congressional honors have signified their intentions of being candidates for Congress at the coming primary, now only about eight months distant, The Loudoun Times feels in duty bound, owing to the many obligations it is under to our present Congressman, the Hon. C. C. Carlin, to espouse his cause, especially as all favors, asked and granted have been for others, many of them having been of material service to many of our boys who have desired to serve their country, boys who are fighting today for you and for me, boys for whom The Loudoun Times stands first and last.

Particularly at this time when our Federal Government faces the grave problems before it and needs at its elbow men of experience in national affairs, and men trained and tried in the ranks of Democracy, Virginia should be slow to change representatives who have displayed sound judgment in dealing with these greatest problems that have ever confronted our Government in its history of freedom. We do not deny that our present Congressman has made mistakes, for no man is free from them so long as he remains above the sod, but we cannot help but feel, that these mistakes have been far outweighed by the good he has done in the form of loyal and intelligent services rendered his country, and in the nature of constant and zealous services rendered his constituents.

Let us therefore be slow in transferring our trusts and our political affections to others who have been untried, or to those we know not of.

OSTRACIZED GERMANY.

(Baltimore Sun.)

There was a time when Germany, that afterwards set up the hypocritical lament of being shut out from its place in the sun, prided itself in what it termed its magnificent isolation. It was glad to stand aloof from France and from England and follow a policy that kept the checkerboard of Europe always before the view of the world as disclosing a game of subtle and devious intrigues. Every effort by the other powers not in understanding or alliance with Germany to have it make clear its attitude failed. It would never cooperate with France or England for a quarter of a century. It glorified

in its isolation. The only tangible endeavor to secure agreement with any power other than Austria and its present satellites—aside from Italy, that it fooled—was by disguised ways to seek to have the United States look with tolerance upon its South American designs, as it played up the sinister designs attributed to England upon the Panama Canal.

Now, instead of its vaunted isolation, Germany is given prospect of a deadly ostracism. Mr. Wilson indicates that unless the hereditary autocracy, supported by a military system, shall be crushed, the Allied powers and this country may find way to ostracize Germany and let it feed upon its own husks of isolation. Reforms or repudiation is the alternative offered Germany in this address.

AMERICA'S WAR CARDS.

Way is Paved for Rulers of Germany to Respond to Charges.

America's cards are on the table. If Germany is to escape being crushed she must as freely and as frankly state exactly what she is fighting for as President Wilson outlined the war aims of the United States. The way is open for the German ruling powers to respond—explain to the German people and the world—exactly what they are fighting for or admit America's indictment, and fight it out. The table is likewise waiting for England, France and the other entente powers to put their cards upon it, as President Wilson displayed America's.

This, it may be stated, is the official view of the President's epochal address before Congress. It is the most powerful blow of the political offensive against Germany that has yet been struck. It was addressed to the German people as much as to the other people of the world. The war will be considered won when a peace based on justice—to enemy and friend alike—can be made and guaranteed by "spokesmen of the German people whose word we can believe." There is no mistaking the meaning of President Wilson's outline of America's war aims.

American blood is not to be shed and American money is not to be spent toward realization of any selfish aims.

AMERICAN MISSION AT FRONT.

Colonel House and Colleagues Are Guests of Pershing.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The following authorized report was issued yesterday of the visit to the American headquarters made by the American mission to the Inter-Allied Conference: "Colonel House, accompanied by the other members of the mission and Lord Northcliffe, left Paris Tuesday morning for the general headquarters of the American expeditionary forces. They spent the afternoon visiting the training quarters and witnessing exercises. General Pershing conducted the party personally and showed the visitors every department of war preparations in the field, including bayonet exercise, rifle practice with targets representing landscapes, grenade throwing, trench mortar practice, artillery practice with the co-operation of airplanes, automatic rifle practice and machine gun curtain fire.

"The mission returned with the most favorable impression of the spirit of the officers and men and of the state of their preparation, besides the remarkable esprit de corps in evidence in every branch of the service. The mission noted with special satisfaction details of organization on somewhat original lines, with a young man full of energy at the head of each department.

BIBE MEXICAN PRESS.

Funds for Propaganda Given by German Government.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 6.—That Von Eckhardt, German Minister, and the imperial legation has been furnishing money to influence certain Mexican newspapers to spread German and central powers propaganda throughout the southern republic is the allegations made by El Universal, the official Carranza newspaper of Mexico City, in its issue of November 30, copies of which have been received in El Paso.

With a complete page of allegations making these charges, El Universal alleges that Von Eckhardt and other members of the imperial government agents in Mexico have for some time been furnishing money to certain newspaper publications. El Universal says that Von Eckhardt supplied 101 rolls of news paper to El Democrat, a newspaper published by Rafael Martinez, who is a congressman of the Mexican government.

According to the allegations of El Universal, this paper weighed 52,211 pounds and was valued at \$7,407.64. El Universal published what is purported to be a fact similar of receipts from Von Eckhardt and the imperial

legation, signed by Rafael Martinez, a. editor of El Democrat, who acknowledged receipt of the paper and of large sums of money advanced by the publication by the German Minister and German agents.

SEA RAIDER OFF TO JAIL.

Captain Thierichens Taken to Atlanta to Serve Term.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Captain Max Thierichens, former commander of the German sea raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was on Tuesday taken to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta by United States Deputy Marshal Matthew Kelley, to serve the remainder of a 14 months' sentence for violating the Mann white slave act.

Captain Thierichens was convicted of bringing Marie Funk, a young German domestic, from Lithuania, N. Y. to this city for improper purposes. Judge Thompson sentenced him to 14 months' imprisonment from June 22, leaving about eight months and 24 days for the convicted German officer yet to serve.

As long as the United States remains a combatant in the big war, Captain Thierichens will be a prisoner of war. If the war is still going on when he completes his sentence for the white slave offense, he will be taken into custody at the prison doors and interned as a prisoner of war at Fort Oglethorpe.

FINDS FLIERS AT SEA.

Ship Supplies Compass and Food and Plane Flies for Port.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 6.—Two American aviators who had lost their compass and their bearings during a flight in search of submarines from a station somewhere in Europe were encountered at sea 560 miles off the Irish coast by a steamship which arrived yesterday at an Atlantic Port. The fliers started on the return trip to their station after being supplied with provisions and a new compass.

The ship's lookout sighted a strange appearing craft on the sea, flying signals of distress. A boat was sent to investigate. To their great surprise the sailors learned the craft was a hydro-airplane with American airmen on board. The aviators said they dropped their compass after they had lost sight of land and as they had no way in which they could determine their bearings they decided to rest on the sea in the hope that some passing ship might sight them and render the necessary assistance.

CONTROLS ALL SHIPPING.

Secretary of Treasury Given War Powers by President.

President Wilson yesterday gave Secretary McAdoo absolute authority over every vessel moving in territorial waters of the United States. In a proclamation, the President empowered the Secretary of the Treasury to control the movements and anchorage of any vessel, foreign or domestic. Customs officers or other agents of the Treasury may board such vessel at any time, search them, place guards on them, or, when necessary, take full possession and remove the crews and others on board.

In this way, the Treasury Department, on advice from secret service men, or whenever the occasion warrants, may take any step necessary to protect a vessel from damage by plotters, or prevent plotters from using the vessel against this country.

SAW HER CHILD KILLED.

Little Boy Run Down by Trolley Car as Mother Looked on.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—With his

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mother looking on from an upstairs window, 3-year-old Frank Domeratski of No. 119 Catharine street, was run down and killed by a Catharine street car yesterday afternoon. The boy's car had to be raised with jacks beneath the front car truck that the car had to be raised with packs before the body could be released. While this was being done, the boy's mother, Mrs. Mary Domeratski, became hysterical and had to be placed in the care of neighbors. The boy was taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital and pronounced dead. Louis Hayes, motorman of the trolley car, was placed under arrest.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

Reports Show That it Pays out More Cash in the South Than it Receives From That Section.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Disbursements by the Southern Railway Company during the month of October, 1917, for labor, material, supplies, and other purposes, amounting to \$7,945,419, of which \$6,461,948, or 81.33 per cent, was paid to individuals and industries located in the South, this sum being \$64,261 in excess of the total moneys contributed by the South for transportation purposes according to figures announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

For improvements to its roadway and structures, the Southern spent \$1,616,019.13 in October, 1917, as against \$1,377,424.43 during October, 1916; during the four months ended October 31, \$5,887,797.82 as against \$4,737,227.38 in 1916.

Pinned beneath a burning automobile which had been overturned in a collision with a motor truck on the Baltimore pike near Laurel yesterday, Albert J. Reiser, of Lancaster, Pa., suffered a fractured skull and serious burns about the body.

The funeral of Col. Nathaniel Tyler, a veteran of the Civil War, who died in Washington Tuesday, took place today in Richmond. Col. Tyler was for many years editor of the Richmond Enquirer. He is survived by five children.

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Order your Christmas Candy NOW AND HERE.

Notice:

Owing to the increased cost of everything used in the production and transmission of electricity, we must collect our bills promptly in order to meet our obligations.

Beginning December 1st, 1917, notice will be sent out with each bill carrying a balance delinquent thirty days or more, that service will be disconnected in ten days unless paid in full.

A charge of \$1.00 will be made for reconnection.

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Pint Bottles 20c. Quart Bottles 35c.
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VIRGINIA NEWS

Gen. Scott Shipp, superintendent emeritus of Virginia Military Institute, died Tuesday night in Lexington, aged 72 years. He was born in Warrenton, August 2, 1839, the son of Capt. John Shipp. His mother was Miss Lucy Scott. He entered the Virginia Military Institute in 1856 and graduated in 1859. He served as assistant professor on battalion at New Market as lieutenant-colonel. Following the war he was commandant of cadets for 23 years and succeeded Gen. Francis H. Smith as superintendent in 1890, retiring in 1907.

Official announcement was made yesterday by the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway of the consummation of a deal whereby the road will establish a new eastern terminal at Norfolk. The road has acquired a tract of 150 acres with a frontage of 3,000 feet on the Chesapeake Bay between East Ocean View and the Bradford property and directly opposite Cape Charles. The tract was purchased from W. H. Garrett for \$40,000. The establishment of the new terminal will shorten by about two hours the time now required for the run from Norfolk to Cape Charles and will be of great benefit to Norfolk and Princess Anne county trucksters.

Mrs. Emma Stallings, an elderly widow who operates a boarding house not far from the courthouse in Danville, was assaulted and robbed yesterday morning by an unknown negro while she was alone in her kitchen. The negro has not been caught. Mrs. Stallings had just sent her maid on an errand when, she says, the negro entered the kitchen and demanded her money. He threatened to kill her if she made outcry. Upon her refusal to give up her money the negro attempted to strangle her and the helpless woman then handed over a pocketbook containing \$38.01. After taking it the negro struck the woman in the face with his fist, knocking her unconscious. The maid found her on the kitchen floor upon her return.

Within twelve miles of the city of Richmond, in Chesterfield county, there are rotting on the ground not less than 10,000 cords of excellent fire wood. Such was the statement of Captain W. W. Baker, the fuel administrator for Chesterfield county, who is in Richmond to consult Fuel Administrator Byrd. Captain Baker went on to explain that the wood was the "scores" and laps of trees, that had been felled either for railroad ties or for lumber, and the workmen, after getting out the ties and lumber, left the other to rot. Captain Baker said that this wood could be hauled to the city at a low cost in large auto trucks. This wood is on land belonging to an old coal company. Captain Baker favors taking possession of the wood by law and employing affidavits and convicts to cut it.

THOMAS L. CARTER, Auctioneer.
Auction sale of desirable garage or stable property, known as Mt. Vernon Garage.

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust, bearing date on October 5, 1914, given by Robert G. Smith and wife to Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, and duly recorded among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in Deed Book 64, page 75, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain indebtedness therein set forth, default having been made in the payment of part of said indebtedness, the undersigned, being the Executrix of the aforesaid Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, at the request and by the direction of the holder of the notes due and unpaid, will offer for sale at public auction on the premises, at 12 o'clock noon, On Saturday, December 15th, 1917, the following described real estate situate, lying and being on the east side of St. Asaph street, between King and Cameron streets, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Beginning on St. Asaph street at a point 123 feet 5 inches to the southward of Cameron street, and running thence southwardly along St. Asaph street and binding there with 53 feet 7 inches to an alley; thence eastwardly with a line parallel to Cameron street 123 feet 5 inches; thence northwardly with a line parallel to St. Asaph street 53 feet 7 inches; and thence westwardly with a straight line to the beginning, with the use of and right of way over the above mentioned alley in common with others entitled thereto, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the said real estate belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of sale: One-third cash and the balance in one and two years; the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; and to be secured by first deed of trust upon the said property, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

Margaret L. Eldness,
Executrix of Charles B. Marshall,
Trustee, de cl.
Gardner L. Boothe, Attorney,
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NEWS OF THE DAY

Peter F. Shockley, former County Treasurer, was killed yesterday when his automobile stalled on the tracks at Millsboro, Del., and was struck by a train.

Several trunks filled with maps, documents and airplane and torpedo models were seized by Department of Justice agents yesterday after they had arrested Mrs. Anna Werner and Frederick Herwagen, Germans, in a house in Hoboken known to the police as "The House of Mystery." Both were held as alien enemies. The house was conducted as a furnished room establishment by Mrs. Werner and it said to be within the 100-yard barred zone. A letter found among the papers of a German who formerly held an important position with a large financial house in New York but who is now interned at Ellis Island, was made public today by Assistant United States District Attorney Knox. The letter threatened the United States. A wireless output was seized in the raid.

It is reported from Dragoor, at the southeast extremity of the Island of Amager, that a German auxiliary cruiser, the guardship, Botnia, was blown up after a collision with a German mine field off the coast. The cruiser sank, but the number of men lost is unknown, the survivors refusing to give any information. The Botnia was formerly a Russian vessel, which was captured by the Germans.

Nationalization of all the railroads of the United States for the duration of the war, was recommended yesterday to the President and Congress by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The transportation crisis has forced the government into radical action.

Dispatches from Amsterdam say intimations that Germany is planning to force boys 16 and 17 years into the army are contained in an appeal appearing in the Essen General Anzeiger that they immediately join the juvenile corps. "This great struggle between the nations," says the newspapers, "will necessitate those who are now 16 and 17 being called up at no very remote date for army service."

Eight men were killed, two are missing, and more than 25 were injured, many of them seriously, late yesterday by an explosion that rocked the "T. N. T." plant of the Aetna Chemical Company at Heidersburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. The explosion did damage estimated at \$250,000 to the plant and shattered windows in factories and homes for a radius of nearly two miles. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Enemy forces have begun an attack on the Italian lines on the Asiago plateau, the Italian war office announces. The only gains achieved in the attack were some positions, the loss of which has not impaired the Italian defensive line. The Italians withdrew from some of the more advanced positions of their lines between Monte Tonderecar and Monte Badeneche, northeast of Asiago.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in discussing the budget with an Austrian delegation, said the cost of the war during the past three years has been 43,000,000,000 crowns, a Vienna dispatch states. The budget for 1917-18, if the war lasted the entire budget year, he estimated at 20,000,000,000 crowns.

Quoting an Austrian official statement concerning a Roumanian proposal for the negotiation of an armistice.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Fertilizer Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the general office of the company, rooms 1 and 2, Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Va., at the hour of 12:00 noon, Wednesday the 12th day of December 1917.

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Sal. of Property for Non-Payment of Taxes.

Under the following resolution passed by the City Council Tuesday, November 27, 1917, I will sell at public auction on Monday, December 7, 1917, in front of the Market Building, Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., the following: LOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon, or as much hereof as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the taxes, assessments, or charges due to the City Council of Alexandria on the same.

Resolved, That the Collector of Taxes be and is hereby directed to proceed and sell at public auction all real estate in the City of Alexandria on which taxes are due and unpaid to June 1, 1917, in conformity to the City Charter and Laws relating to the same and sale to commence Monday, December 17, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue from time to time and day to day until all such real estate is sold.

The purchaser will be required to pay, at time of sale, the taxes, assessments, charges and expenses of sale.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M., on the day specified and if not completed on this day will be continued from day to day and from time to time until completed.

P. E. GORMAN,
Collector of Taxes.

First Ward.
Richard H. Brooks, Jr., house and lot 723 1-2 south Fairfax street 916 ... \$5.29
Morton G. Douglas, Sr., house and lot 408 south Lee street, 1916 \$13.50
Jm. J. McKenney, house and lot 66 south Lee street, 1916 ... \$11.92
Marie V. Newland, house and lot 23-25 south Lee street, 1914-15-16 ... \$35.34
Martha Williams, house and lot 11 Gibbon street, 1915-16 ... \$9.36

Second Ward.
Fannie L. Gray, house and lot 10-112 north Royal street, 1916 \$4.25
Nancy Lucas, house and lot 739 south Washington street, 1916 \$6.78
John McK. Warr, lot 420 1-2 north 1st street, 1914-15-16 ... \$6.82

Third Ward.
Richard Bentley, house and lot 13-516 north Patrick street, 1916 ... \$22.70
Bliss Cole, 2 houses and lots 1117 119 Queen street, 1916 ... \$17.43
Ruth Dabney, 2 lots 406-408 north Columbus street, 1916 ... \$15.50
Edward P. Dixon, Sr., house and lot 324 north Patrick street, 1916 \$7.75
John H. Fisher, house and lot 120 north Columbus street, 1916 \$50.91
John McGee, est., house and lot 130 north Patrick street, 1916 \$6.78
Sarah Simms, house and lot 425 north Patrick street, 1916 ... \$10.69
Jane E. Smith, house and lot 421 north Alfred street, 1914-15-16 \$61.22
Isaac Thornton, house and lot 807 Madison street, 1916 ... \$6.35
J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos. 1 to 5 block 8 Braddock, 1916 ... \$7.75
J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos. 20 to 24 Braddock, 1916 ... \$7.75

Fourth Ward.
Wm. M. Carmichael, house and lot 305 south Columbus street, 1916 \$9.25
Alice McMenamin, house and lot S. E. corner Duke and West streets, 1916 ... \$43.29
Mary J. Parker and als, house and lot 609 south Alfred street, 1916 \$6.78
John Sisson, house and lot S. W. corner Henry and Wilkes streets, 1916 ... \$12.10
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Wool Underwear, each ... \$2.00 and \$2.50
Wool Socks, pair ... 36c and 50c
Warm Gloves, pair ... 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
Warm Wool Neck Scarfs, each ... \$3.50
Warm Outing Flannel Night Robes, ... \$1.00 and \$1.25
Warm Outing Flannel Pajamas Suits, ... \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50
Warm Bath Robes, ... \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50
Warm Army Blankets, ... \$7.50

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PLOTTERS PLEAD GUILTY.

German Conspirators to Foment Revolution in India Would Avoid Exposure.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Three of the most prominent of the 34 defendants on trial, charged with conspiring to foment revolution against British rule in India, yesterday pleaded guilty in the United States District Court.

They were: Lieut. Wilhelm von Brincken, former military attaché of the German consulate general here; George Rodiek, former German consul at Honolulu and at one time president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association; and H. A. Schroeder, who succeeded Rodiek as consul at Honolulu.

Lieutenant von Brincken furnished the reason for the sudden change in the plans of the former German consular agents, which came as a dramatic opening to court today.

"I think we can serve our country best by pleading guilty and avoiding further exposure in court proceedings," he said. "The less said about the cases, the better it will be for Germany."

SWISS FEARS QUIETED.

U. S. Assures Her Her Neutrality Will be Respected.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Formal declaration of the American government's intention to respect the neutrality of Switzerland has been forwarded to Bern, but the text will not be made public here until notice of its receipt at Bern has been received.

Anxiety to the Swiss government that the tightening of hostile lines along her frontiers might result in violation of her territory caused representations to be made to the belligerents. Similar declarations are understood to have been made by all the Allied governments. Switzerland's apprehension is believed to have been aroused largely by insidious suggestions made by Germany that the Allies were planning to cross Swiss territory in order to get at the German lines from more advantageous point.

AUSTRIA NOW FOR PEACE.

But Wants Integrity of The Monarchy Guaranteed.

Amsterdam, Dec. 6.—A dispatch received here from Vienna quotes Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary, as saying in an address to an Austro-German delegation that the dual monarchy is ready at any time to conclude peace that would guarantee the integrity of the monarchy. He added, however, that his country would not cease fighting until its enemies renounced their intentions of dismembering her.

"The glorious successes of our victorious armies and the daring of our fleet," said Emperor Charles, "fills

us with patriotic pride. After a glorious defense of our position we are now, as before, ready at any time to conclude an honorable peace which guarantees the existence and integrity of the monarchy."

"Guided by this idea we greeted with joyful satisfaction the noble-minded intervention of the Pope, and will in the future neglect no opportunity to end as soon as possible the costly struggle and great sacrifice the war has caused and is causing."

"In the spirit of these intentions, our Government has declared its readiness to accept the Russian Government's invitation to enter into negotiations for a general peace. May the blessings of the Almighty rest upon this work for peace and restore the peoples of Europe to a state of reconciliation and mutual trust."

"The sorely tried Russian people, the first of our enemies who are ready to respond to our peace appeal, may be sure that we sincerely desire to restore our former friendly relations with them."

"On the other hand we must regard it our sacred duty not to lay down the sword which plunder-seeking and rapacious neighbors forced into our hands, until our enemies unequivocally have disavowed their mad plans of dismemberment and oppression."

HITCH IN ARMISTICE.

Tensions, It is Said, Evade Pledges Asked by Russians.

A Russian official communication dealing with the armistice negotiations received in London says:

"The enemy delegates replied evasively to the two initial Russian proposals, but promised to consult their governments concerning them. The Russians proposed as the principal points of an armistice that the enemy should not undertake to send forces from the Russian front to the fronts of Russia's allies; also that the German detachments be withdrawn from the Islands of Moon Sound. The enemy delegates refused these proposals."

"The enemy delegates submitted a project for an armistice from the Baltic to the Black Sea, which in view of their evasive replies to the Russian proposals, the Russian delegates submitted to the Russian military experts."

"A fortnight was first proposed for the duration of the armistice. Ultimately 28 days were agreed upon, which may be automatically prolonged. The Russians requested that the next meeting be on Russian territory after a lapse of seven days."

VATICAN AND RUSSIANS.

Possibility of Orthodox Catholics Now Recognizing the Pope.

Rome, Dec. 6.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, yesterday denied that Pope Benedict had addressed a communication to

President Wilson, to Secretary of State Lansing, or to any government, setting forth that there were extenuating circumstances regarding the last Vatican peace note. The Holy See, however, is much occupied by the Russian situation, the Cardinal said, and expects to make a statement relative to the recent publication of the Russian diplomatic documents when the correct text has been secured.

Cardinal Gasparri said the Vatican also was watching anxiously the changes in the government of Russia. The elimination of the Imperial party has left the Holy See free to communicate direct with Russian Roman Catholics heretofore, documents intended for a bishop had to go through the hands of the officials of Russia's legation to the Vatican.

The possibility of orthodox Catholics in Russia, finally recognizing the Roman Pope instead of the former Russian Emperor as head of the church is being considered in Vatican circles.

FEAR RUSSIA MAY DEFAULT.

Owes Immense Sums to U. S. and France With Credit Shaky.

French financiers fear for the millions upon millions of francs in investments, placed by France and the French people in Russian commercial and industrial enterprises.

While it is extremely difficult to arrive at any definite information as to large individual French holdings in Russia, owing to the reluctance of

banks and French financiers to make any disclosures, it was learned today, that in Russian railroads alone, between twelve and fifteen billions of francs have been invested by the French.

The greater part of this enormous investment was made at a considerable period before the war, and it was made, it is declared, with the express understanding on the part of France that the railroads in which the money was invested would be developed not only in a commercial way, but with a special view to mobilization, not with any idea to protection against just such a peril as presented itself when the Germans began the present war.

SLAVS AND HUNS.

The Question of Indemnities Causes Hitch in Russian Revolutionists' Plan.

London, Dec. 6.—Few details came through from Petrograd or Berlin yesterday regarding the terms of the Russo-German armistice. An Amsterdam dispatch said it is to last forty-eight hours. Interest in military and political circles here now centers mainly on what Germany's allies will do.

Austria has adhered to the "guiding principles" of the Russian offer. In the meantime, however, Trotzky has informed Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, that peace "without annexations or indemnities" still is Russia's aim. It is regarded as extremely doubtful whether Austria would agree to this basis even if Germany for economic reasons would consent to it. Nor is it considered probable that Bulgaria will accept this principle. Turkey's attitude constitutes another puzzle. Berlin merely announced today that negotiations for an armistice "have begun."

"The last obstacle to the cause of peace has fallen," was the triumphant announcement of Ensign Krylenko, Maximalist commander-in-chief yesterday. He declared that forces have captured Russian army headquarters at Mohileff, the general staff having surrendered.

The lynch law reigned when the Bolsheviks held entry at army headquarters. Gen. Dukhonin, who took chief command of Russia's armies after Kerensky's fall, was thrown out of a train and killed—"in spite of attempts to save him," as Foreign Min-

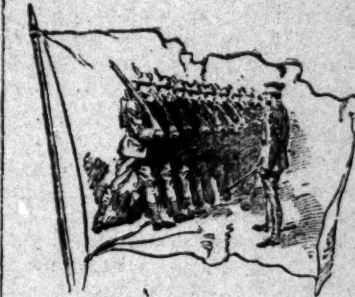
ister Trotzky put it in his announcement.

Gen. Korniloff is reported to have fled before the Bolsheviks could lay hands on him.

"Peace within a few days" is promised in a manifesto published by the Bolshevik government and addressed to the German and Austrian troops. Many thousands of copies are to be distributed among the Teuton armies.

John Armstrong Chaloner was made defendant yesterday in a suit to recover \$3,000 attorney's fees and interest, filed in the District of Columbia Supreme Court by Hugh Gordon Miller, who represented Chaloner a few years ago when he sought control of a million dollar estate.

The Norwegian legation in London, reports that thirteen Norwegian steamers, of a gross tonnage of 19,092, were lost in November by causes arising from the war. Forty-one Norwegian lives were lost through the same causes.



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7:37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9:37 a. m., Daily—Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville. Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (Via Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m., Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macon. Dining car.

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Sundays and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5:00, 5:40, 8:00, 8:30, 6:40, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, and 8:10 A. M. and 11:55 P. M.

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